posed to change the capital structure as follows:

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| Government of India | — 35% |
| Suzuki Motor Company | — 35% |
| Public/Financial Institution | — |

No decision has been taken by the Government on the proposal of Maruti Udyog Limited.

**Allotment of Gas Agencies**

37. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for the allotment of gas agencies in the country during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) the number of gas agencies allotted during the same period. State-wise;

(c) the number of applications lying pending so far; and

(d) the number of representations or complaints received by Government about the allotment of gas agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRl CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (d) The effort involved in compilation of the required details would *not* be commensurate with the purpose sought to be served.

**Exploration Assignment declined hy the Soviet Union**

38. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Soviet Union have declined to take up integrated exploration assignment in West Bengal basin although it had earlier pronounced that the region was replete with potential hydrocarbon bearing blocks; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Power generation from State Electricity Boards**

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(al whether it is a fact tjat more than 80 per cent of the total power generation in the country is from the State Electricity Boards;

(b) whether it is also a fact that certain Electricity Boards are running into losses due to poor performance and poor maintenance programmes;

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking for giving Centraj assistance as subsidy; and

(d) whether Central Electricity Act needs suitable amendments for taking over these Electricity Boards which fail to improve themselves?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY 1 SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A centrally sponsored Renovation and Modernisation Scheme has been sanctioned for improving the performance of 36 Thermal Power Stations in the country. There is no scheme of giving central assistance as subsidy to the State Electricity Boards.

(d) There is no proposal to take over the State Electricity Boards-